

Reported Reasons for Not Breastfeeding¹

Illinois PRAMS 2012

	Percentage ²	95% Confidence Interval	Respondents ³	Estimated Population Affected ⁴
I didn't like breastfeeding	42.0	33.9 - 50.6	67	10,943
I didn't want to	22.1	16.1 - 29.5	39	5,743
I had other children to take care of	13.7	9.3 - 19.9	27	3,578
I tried but it was too hard	10.9	6.8 - 17.1	19	2,837
I went back to work or school	9.6	5.8 - 15.6	16	2,507
I was sick or on medicine	8.7	5.0 - 14.5	15	2,256
I had too many household duties	6.3	3.6 - 10.9	14	1,647

¹**Survey Question 54:** What were your reasons for not breastfeeding your new baby?

²**Percentage** = Weighted percentage of Illinois mothers giving birth in 2012 with the specified indicator for each characteristic.

³**Respondents (N)** = Total number of mothers who responded to this question with Yes; total N = 1075 (Yes or No); Total N value for each characteristic varies due to unanswered questions, survey skip patterns, and invalid responses.

⁴**Estimated population affected** = Estimated number of Illinois mothers giving birth in 2012 with the specified indicator for each characteristic